

Executive

18 AUG 1950

General Dwight D. Eisenhower
President
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear General Eisenhower:

It is my understanding that [redacted] formerly a member of the Technical Staff of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, is now associated with Columbia University and is responsible for a project which is close to his heart and which is of considerable interest to the University.

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The Central Intelligence Agency has urgent need for a scientist with the unusual professional attainments of Dr. [redacted]. The position to be filled is one of top importance in the scientific intelligence field, and its incumbent will be making a major contribution to our national security.

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I recognize, of course, that [redacted] work with the University is of real importance. I feel, however, that our need is so great that you may be willing to assist us in obtaining the services of [redacted] on a full time basis for an indefinite emergency period, and to grant him leave of absence from the University for this purpose.

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If it would be helpful I should like to suggest that you permit me to send my Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence to explain more fully to you and to [redacted] the nature of the work for which he is needed.

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Any assistance which you may feel that you can give us in this matter will be greatly appreciated, and of real benefit to the national security.

Sincerely yours,

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